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Congressman Kersten issued this morning following statement. Further

statements in Europe will be coordinated with missions:

QUOTE Since the majority of the people who have information on the

matters under study by the Select Committee are located in Western Europe

and since it will not be feasible to bring them to the United States, the

Committee plans to leave for Europe to interview these people who are

prepared to assist the Committee in exposing the methods by which the Soviets

have taken over the captive nations and the treatment by the Red regimes of

peoples now living under Soviet occupation. The Committee considers that

its study would not be complete without the very valuable contribution which

can be made by these refugees and escapees from Communist tyranny.

While the interviews will be conducted in private and the evidence given

will not be disclosed prior to the Committee's return, such evidence will be

made a part of the record for subsequent use by the Committee in exposing

the methods by which the Soviet government has extended its jurisdiction over

the captive peoples.

would jeopardize the safety of any

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persons still behind the Iron Curtain, complete protection will
be given by permanently preserving the anonymity of witnesses
or persons about whom testimony is given.   UNQUOTE

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unless subject matter necessitates classification.

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